

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 88 – SB 116**

February 13, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Decreases clear floor space required for local jail cells.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Some counties may postpone construction of new jails and add beds to existing facilities instead. The net impact of additional beds in existing facilities may be a lower cost than building new facilities. Counties may choose to increase the number of state or federal inmates housed in local jails, increasing expenditures for guards, food, medical costs, and related items. These expenditures could be offset in whole or in part by an increase in revenue for housing state and federal inmates. The net local revenue and expenditure impact cannot reasonably be quantified.**

Assumptions:

- According to the Tennessee Corrections Institute (TCI), this bill will not result in any additional inspection costs. TCI will adopt the standards of this bill in place of the current TCI standards. No jail will lose certification as a result of this bill.
- There are various standards for local jail cells, such as TCI standards and American Correctional Association (ACA) standards. For example, the requirements for new facility multiple occupancy cells are 20 square feet per inmate under the provisions of this legislation, 40 square feet under TCI, and 25 square feet under ACA.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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